



## **Media Release**

# **LOCAL RESIDENT AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION**

**April 27, 2010, New York:** Financial District resident Trevor Foley has been recognized as the 2009 Pro Bono Advisor of the Year for his involvement in viBe Theater Experience (viBe).

As an employee of Macquarie Group, the annual Macquarie Staff Community Awards program – through its philanthropic arm, the Macquarie Group Foundation – acknowledges the outstanding community contributions of its staff and the organizations they serve.

Winning Pro Bono Advisor of the Year is a recognition by Macquarie of an individual's innovative input into the management, consulting and advisory provided to not-for-profits.

Trevor joined viBe's Board of Directors in 2003 as Treasurer and was elected Chair in 2007. Under his leadership – and drawing from his vocational skills as a professional asset manager – Trevor developed viBe's benefit committee and helped create two fundraising events. Through these and other initiatives, Trevor succeeded in growing viBe's annual budget from less than \$1,500 to approximately \$125,000 a year.

In addition to his leadership role as the Chair of viBe's Board, Trevor commits some of his time to help members of viBe's programs. Last year, Trevor lent his expertise in finance to facilitate financial planning and personal budget workshops for teenagers and an SAT preparation workshop for high school students.

Dana Edell, Co-Founder and Executive Director of viBe congratulated Trevor on his award and said it was very well-deserved.

"Trevor's background in the finance industry remains invaluable to viBe. By putting a professional and appropriate financial strategy in place, such as establishing period cash flow projections, Trevor has helped put us on the path to financial sustainability. This has allowed us to devote more time and resources to further viBe's goals.

"Trevor has demonstrated a tireless commitment to the underserved teenage girls in our community. He is an excellent advocate for our organization, both through his natural charisma and sense of humor, and his ability to inspire people to get involved or contribute financially to viBe's mission."

Julie White, Head of the Macquarie Group Foundation, said the Foundation places great importance on supporting the community efforts of its staff. “The contribution of Macquarie Group staff – as volunteers, fundraisers, board members of not-for-profit organisations and pro bono service providers – continues to grow, significantly enhancing Macquarie’s overall community effort.

“We are very proud of our 2009 record number nominees for the Macquarie Staff Community Awards and I would like to congratulate Trevor on his efforts and the contribution he has made viBe.”

Trevor has nominated viBe as the recipient of his prize donation of \$A10,000<sup>1</sup>.

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## **About Macquarie Group Foundation**

The Macquarie Group Foundation – the philanthropic arm of Macquarie Group – has been providing support to community programs for more than 25 years. In the year to 31 March 2009, the Macquarie Group Foundation, together with Macquarie Group staff efforts, contributed more than \$A26 million to over 900 community organizations around the world.

## **About viBe**

viBe Theater Experience ([www.viBeTheater.org](http://www.viBeTheater.org)) provides a safe, creative space for under-served teenage girls in New York City to express their voices, take on challenge and responsibility and gain the self-confidence to succeed both personally and academically. viBe empowers girls through the collaborative process of creating new and original performances. Through intensive, free programs, workshops and productions, it engages and inspires young women to write, create, rehearse, publish, record and perform personal and truthful collaborative theater and music. Its performances have brought free theater to thousands of community audience members and changed their perceptions of what young women can achieve.

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<sup>1</sup> \$A10,000 equates to approximately \$US9,100 as at time of donation